(ii) Routine matters like creation of teaching and academic posts, appointment to the said posts, finalising recruitment procedures, promotions under Merit Promotion Scheme/Career Advancement Scheme, upgradation of posts making them personal to the incumbents should invariably be placed before the authorities ordinarily empowered to take decisions in such cases. Emergency powers should not be exercised by the Vice Chancellors in such cases.

(iii) Policy matters like amending/making/repealing of Statutes which, in fact, require assent of the Visitor should in no case be decided by the Vice Chancellors by invoking emergency powers.

**Environment conservation**

†*190. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any allocation of funds has been made by Government to States for environment conservation and plantations during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) the extent of funds utilized as on date and the funds yet to be utilized with reasons therefor; and

(d) the directions issued to the States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The details of release of funds by the Government of India to the States for Environment Conservation and Plantation during the Ninth Five Year Plan and the utilisation thereof are given in the statement. (*See* below). The main reason for the non-utilisation of funds is the delay in the release of funds to the implementing agencies by the State Governments.

(d) State Governments have been addressed regularly at different levels to ensure expeditious utilisation of funds. These are also

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

followed up through the visits of designated Nodal officers to the States.

**Statement**

*Details of funds released by Government to the States for Environment Conservation and Plantation during Ninth Five Year Plan*

*(Rs. in lakhs)*

| Sl. No. | State | Funds during Ninth Five Year Plan | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Released | Utilised | Yet to be utilised |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 4214.89 | 2728.64 | 1486.26 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 1612.42 | 703.11 | 909.31 |
| 3. | Assam | 2232.16 | 1019.20 | 1212.96 |
| 4. | Bihar | 2552.56 | 1077.71 | 1474.84 |
| 5. | Chhatisgarh | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 6. | Delhi | 2675.29 | 763.84 | 1911.45 |
| 7. | Goa | 282.85 | 144.31 | 138.54 |
| 8. | Gujarat | 7652.77 | 5204.58 | 2448.19 |
| 9. | Haryana | 17541.37 | 15703.12 | 1838.25 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | 1857.27 | 1168.02 | 689.25 |
| 11. | Jammu & Kashmir | 2669.70 | 2313.37 | 356.33 |
| 12. | Jharkhand | 211.31 | 18.264 | 193.04 |
| 13. | Karnataka | 7108.155 | 4452.569 | 2655.59 |
| 14. | Kerala | 5575.80 | 3623.695 | 1952.11 |
| 15. | Madhya Pradesh | 11569.926 | 6699.187 | 4870.74 |
| 16. | Maharashtra | 4242.924 | 2427.245 | 1815.68 |
| 17. | Manipur | 2689.21 | 1706.17 | 983.05 |
| 18. | Meghalaya | 551.81 | 157.80 | 394.02 |
| 19. | Mizoram | 2172.03 | 1562.57 | 609.46 |
| 20. | Nagaland | 672.645 | 290.47 | 382.18 |
| 21. | Orissa | 3549.57 | 2316.326 | 1233.24 |
| 22. | Punjab | 4848.77 | 3752.94 | 1095.83 |
| 23. | Rajasthan | 6023.10 | 3859.30 | 2163.80 |
| 24. | Sikkim | 1846.06 | 1382.84 | 463.22 |
| 25. | Tamil Nadu | 8905.122 | 2127.06 | 6778.06 |
| 26. | Tripura | 943.30 | 633.41 | 309.89 |
| 27. | Uttar Pradesh | 31822.65 | 27172.06 | 4050.60 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 28. | Uttaranchal | 366.37 | 235.09 | 131.29 |
| 29. | West Bengal | 7072.66 | 4486.98 | 2585.68 |
| 30. | A & N Islands | 190.63 | 118.09 | 72.54 |
| 31. | Chandigarh | 58.43 | 32.03 | 26.40 |
| 32. | Lakshadweep | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| 33. | Pondicherry | 20.38 | 0.00 | 20.38 |
| 34. | Dadra & N.H. | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.07 |
| 35. | Daman & Diu | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.02 |

## Air pollution in metropolis

*191. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fresh study has been undertaken on the level of air pollution in the four metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce the pollution levels and the time bound programme drawn up, if any, for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The ambient air quality is monitored regularly through a network of monitoring stations under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme. The annual